

# WHAT'S *New*

in the Metropolitan Police Department



*A weekly update for residents, visitors,  
and workers in the District of Columbia*

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## 5D DETECTIVE AMONG 13 MPDC MEMBERS RECOGNIZED AS "OFFICERS OF THE MONTH" FOR DECEMBER

In October, Detective Kimberly Metivier of the 5D Detectives Office was working the midnight tour of duty when she observed two subjects in the 1000 block of 17th Street, NE—one of them attempting to conceal a bolt-cutting tool under his coat. With the help of 5D units, Detective Metivier stopped the subjects. One obeyed the officers' commands, but the second subject attempted to hide behind a parked vehicle, reaching toward his waist area as he did. Detective Metivier immediately directed the suspect to come out from behind the vehicle, at which time he dropped a firearm and surrendered. The weapon—a .40 caliber semi-automatic pistol—was loaded, with one live round of ammunition in the chamber and four live rounds in the magazine. The suspect was transported to the Fifth District for processing. As Detective Metivier was preparing the paperwork, she learned that an assault involving a gun had occurred in the same area and at about the same time as the arrest. Using this information, Detective Metivier obtained a statement from the arrestee implicating him in the earlier incident. For her keen observation and investigative skills, Detective Kimberly Metivier was one of 13 MPDC members honored at the December CHAMPS Awards luncheon.

① Read about the outstanding actions of all of this month's awardees at:  
<http://mpdc.dc.gov/about/heroes/champs/2004/12.shtm>

① CHAMPS (Capital Hotels Award Metropolitan Police Service) is a monthly awards program hosted by the Hotel Association of Washington, DC. The December awards luncheon was hosted by the Renaissance Washington Hotel in Northwest.

① Members of the public are invited to attend the MPDC's 5th Annual Awards Ceremony, on Tuesday, December 14, beginning at 6 pm in DAR Constitution Hall. Details at:  
<http://www.mpdc.org/blue/news.asp?sid=2974>

## 3D OFFICERS TAKE ON SUPERHERO STATUS FOR LOCAL CHILDREN THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Students at several elementary schools, as well as Children's National Medical Center, were ecstatic to meet four MPDC "Superheroes" in the form of McGruff the Crime Dog (also known as Officer Warren Randall), Spiderman (aka Officer Earl Brown) "Jeff the Bad Guy" (Officer Jeff Colleli); and Officer Edward Brownlee (as himself). The officers traveled to five schools and the hospital in a two-day period recently to bring a friendly message of safety to hundreds of young people in the neighborhoods surrounding the Third District Substation on Park Road, NW. During the summer, the same officers were part of a larger group that carried out an extensive safety awareness campaign for youth. To keep the momentum going during the holiday season, the officers put their money together to rent a Spiderman costume, organized a skit, and set aside days with local school principals to take the superheroes on a whirlwind safety awareness tour. "This is just the beginning," said Officer Randall. "I am working with some officers who are into this thing. We are planning to make a difference in some little lives."

① Read the full success story at:  
[http://mpdc.dc.gov/info/districts/3rd/ss\\_superheroes\\_1204.shtm](http://mpdc.dc.gov/info/districts/3rd/ss_superheroes_1204.shtm)

① For other community policing success stories in 3D and across the District, go to:  
<http://mpdc.dc.gov/news/success.shtm>

① Got a success story you would like to share with the community? Contact your district's Community Outreach Coordinator, or call the MPDC's Policing for Prevention Unit at (202) 727-2900.

## HOLIDAY REMINDER: CELEBRATE RESPONSIBLY... AND DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE IN DC

Metropolitan Police officers will be out in force this holiday season, looking for drunk drivers, speeders and other aggressive or unsafe drivers. Several sobriety checkpoints will be conducted between now and New Year's Day, as part of the MPDC's participation in the regional Checkpoint Strikeforce initiative. The MPDC is also joining with DC's Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration in urging liquor establishments to check everyone's identification, impose restrictions on individuals who have too much to drink, and support both the designated driver and SoberRide programs. Sponsored by the Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP), SoberRide is providing holiday revelers with free cab rides home (up to \$50) every day (8 pm to 4 am) from now through January 1, by calling (800) 200-TAXI (200-8294). Cingular Wireless customers can access the service by dialing #TAXI. The MPDC reminds motorists that DC has tough drunk driving laws, including a Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) standard of .08, zero tolerance for youthful offenders, and penalties that include stiff fines, license revocation and the possibility of jail time, even for first offenders.

## MPDC SEEKING APPLICANTS FOR CIVILIAN JOB VACANCIES

The MPDC is currently accepting applications for a variety of civilian positions within the agency. Current openings include the following: two Applicant Investigators in the Recruiting Branch of the Human Services Division (DS-1810-11); a Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR) in Corporate Support, Office of Administration (DS-1801-13); and a Fleet Maintenance and Repair Supervisor in the Fleet Services Branch (MS-301-13). The closing date for all three positions is December 22, 2004. Salaries, tours of duty, qualifications and other elements of the jobs vary by position. The MPDC employs several hundred civilian members, working in various administrative, technical, operational and management positions. The Department is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

## NEWS & NOTES

**Holiday Safety Tips.** In the hustle and bustle of holiday shopping, travel and socializing, the MPDC reminds all residents to practice some common-sense safety tips. From securing your home to protecting yourself, your packages and your money, the MPDC provides a range of holiday safety tips. For more information, call the Community Outreach Section at (202) 727-0783, or go online to <http://mpdc.dc.gov/info/season/winter.shtm>.

**Free Child Safety Seat Inspections.** Free inspections of children's car safety seats continue every Saturday through December 18. For details, visit <http://www.mpdc.org/blue/news.asp?sid=2950>.

**Get Ready for Snow.** With colder weather on the way, the DC government is busy gearing up. The District Department of Transportation has begun distributing its annual snow brochure, and additional snow safety information, including a map of designated Snow Emergency Routes, can be found on the DDOT website—[www.ddot.dc.gov](http://www.ddot.dc.gov).

**Get MPDC News via E-mail.** Register with DC.gov to receive email notifications of all news releases issued by the MPDC. Details at <http://dc.gov/registration/register.asp>.

① Learn more about drunk driving laws in DC by going to:  
<http://www.mpdc.dc.gov/info/traffic/duihome.shtm>

① Want more information about the SoberRide program? Click on:  
<http://www.soberide.com>

① Details on the current vacancies, including the minimum requirements and application procedures, can be found online at:  
<http://mpdc.dc.gov/about/employ/civilian.shtm>

① For information about sworn career opportunities in the MPDC—including recruit and lateral-hire officers—go to:  
<http://mpdc.dc.gov/about/employ/officer.shtm>

### DATA BOX

<b>Homicides</b>	as of 12/10/04
◆ 2004: 188	
◆ 2003: 232	
◆ % Change: -19.0%	
◆ Closure Rate: 55.9% (105 closures)	
<b>Adult Arrests</b>	week end. 12/4/04
◆ Total: 826	
◆ Drugs: 163	
◆ Weapons: 24	
◆ Motor Vehicle Theft: 20	
◆ Prostitution/Sex Offenses: 22	
<b>Juvenile Activity</b>	week end. 12/4/04
◆ Arrests: 39	
◆ Curfew Violations: 28	
◆ Truants: 97	
<b>Firearm Recoveries</b>	as of 12/8/04
◆ December: 51	
◆ November: 192	
◆ 2004 Total: 1,938	
<b>Traffic Fatalities</b>	as of 12/10/04
◆ 2004: 43	
◆ 2003: 63	
◆ % Change: -31.7%	

Information, ideas, or comments about this service? Send an e-mail to **KEVIN MORISON**, MPDC's Director of Corporate Communications, at [kevin.morison@dc.gov](mailto:kevin.morison@dc.gov). Would you like to have this information e-mailed to you? Just go to our Website and register with **Crimereports.com**.

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